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ANNCR:

"THIS WEEK."

FROM THE VOICE OF AMERICA, THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK GONE BY...A LOOK AT SOME OF THE EVENTS, A CROSS-SECTION OF THE IDEAS, AND THE VOICE OF SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO MADE NEWS DURING THE PAST SEVEN DAYS. YOUR NARRATOR IS-----.

NARR:

THE CAMP DAVID MIDEAST SUMMIT ENDED THIS WEEK WITH RENEWED HOPES THAT THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED SO FAR MAY LEAD THE WAY TO A PERMANENT PEACE SETTLEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ITS ARAB NEIGHBORS. THE SUMMIT YIELDED SOME CONCRETE RESULTS AS PRESIDENT CARTER WAS QUICK TO POINT OUT:

TAPE: CUT ONE -- CARTER

"WHEN THIS CONFERENCE BEGAN, I SAID THAT THE PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESS WERE REMOTE. ENORMOUS BARRIERS OF ANCIENT HISTORY AND NATIONALISM AND SUSPICION WOULD HAVE TO BE OVERCOME IF WE WERE TO MEET OUR OBJECTIVES. BUT PRESIDENT SADAT AND PRIME MINISTER BEGIN HAVE OVERCOME THOSE BARRIERS, EXCEEDED OUR FONDEST EXPECTATIONS, AND HAVE SIGNED TWO AGREEMENTS THAT HOLD OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF RESOLVING ISSUES THAT HISTORY HAS TAUGHT US COULD NOT BE RESOLVED."

NARR:

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CAMP DAVID SUMMIT, IT BECAME KNOWN THAT BOTH ISRAEL AND EGYPT HAD AGREED TO MAJOR CONCESSIONS ON SOME LONGSTANDING ISSUES WHILE REFUSING TO CONCEDE ON OTHER FRONTS. WHILE REMARKABLE PROGRESS WAS INDEED ACHIEVED AT CAMP DAVID, MUCH MORE WILL BE NEEDED IN THE COMING MONTHS AND YEARS.

EGYPT'S MAJOR CONCESSION IS TO GO FORWARD WITH A SEPARATE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI PEACE TREATY. EGYPT AGREES TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE AND FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IN EXCHANGE FOR THE TOTAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SINAI WITH CERTAIN LIMITATIONS ON

THE DEPLOYMENT OF EGYPTIAN FORCES IN THAT TERRITORY ONCE IT REVERTS TO EGYPT. BUT THERE IS STILL ONE UNRESOLVED ASPECT OF THE SINAI DEAL -- THE ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS SET UP OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS. EGYPT INSISTS THAT THEY BE DISMANTLED, AND PRIME MINISTER BEGIN HAS LEFT THE FINAL DECISION IN THE HANDS OF THE ISRAELI PARLIAMENT. IF IT AGREES, THEN A PEACE TREATY WILL BE SIGNED BETWEEN THE TWO OLD ENEMIES WITHIN THREE MONTHS. PRESIDENT SADAT HAD THIS REACTION:

TAPE: CUT TWO -- SADAT

"THE SIGNING OF THE FRAMEWORK FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE PEACE SETTLEMENT HAS A SIGNIFICANCE FAR BEYOND THE EVENT. IT SIGNALS THE EMERGENCE OF A NEW PEACE INITIATIVE WITH THE AMERICAN NATION IN THE HEART OF THE ENTIRE PROCESS."

NARR:

IN THE WEST BANK AND THE GAZA STRIP, ISRAEL HAS AGREED TO A FIVE-YEAR TRANSITIONAL PERIOD LEADING TO FULL AUTONOMY FOR THE PALESTINIAN INHABITANTS OF THE AREA AND TO A DECISION ON THEIR FINAL STATUS. ISRAEL HAS MADE NO COMMITMENT EITHER TO WITHDRAW ENTIRELY FROM THE WEST BANK OR TO GIVE UP SOVEREIGNTY. THE DOCUMENTS SIGNED AT CAMP DAVID PERMIT ISRAEL TO KEEP A LIMITED NUMBER OF FORCES IN THE WEST BANK FOR SECURITY REASONS.

ISRAEL HAS ALSO AGREED TO NEGOTIATE THE FINAL STATUS OF THE WEST BANK AND THE GAZA STRIP ON THE BASIS OF U.N. RESOLUTION 242 IN ALL ITS ASPECTS. THIS MEANS THAT NOW ISRAEL AGREES THAT A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT MUST RECOGNIZE THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. IN ADDITION ISRAEL HAS AGREED THAT THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE DETERMINATION OF THEIR OWN FUTURE. BUT IN RETURN FOR THESE ISRAELI CONCESSIONS, THE CAMP DAVID DOCUMENT GIVES ISRAEL THE VETO OVER PARTICIPATION BY LEADERS OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION AND OTHER PALESTINIANS LIVING OUTSIDE THE WEST BANK. PRIME MINISTER BEGIN ALSO HAILED THE RESULTS OF THE CAMP DAVID AGREEMENTS:

TAPE: CUT THREE -- BEGIN

"WHEN I CAME HERE TO THE CAMP DAVID CONFERENCE, I SAID PERHAPS AS THE RESULT OF OUR WORK ONE DAY PEOPLE ALL OVER, IN EVERY CORNER OF THE WORLD WILL BE ABLE TO SAY: 'HABEMUS PACEM'. IN THE SPIRIT OF THESE DAYS, CAN WE SAY SO TONIGHT? NOT YET. WE STILL HAVE TO GO A WAY UNTIL MY FRIEND PRESIDENT SADAT AND I SIGN THE PEACE TREATIES. WE PROMISED EACH OTHER THAT WE WILL DO SO WITHIN THREE MONTHS."

NARR:

STILL MANY PROBLEMS REMAIN ON THE ROAD TO A FINAL MIDEAST SETTLEMENT -- ONE OF WHICH IS THE WAY BOTH EGYPT AND ISRAEL HAVE BEEN INTERPRETING SOME OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE CAMP DAVID DOCUMENTS. AT ONE POINT, PRIME MINISTER BEGIN STATED FIRMLY THAT ISRAELI TROOPS WILL REMAIN ON THE WEST BANK AFTER THE FIVE-YEAR TRANSITIONAL PERIOD LEADING TO PALESTINIAN SELF-RULE:

(OPT) TAPE: CUT FOUR -- BEGIN

"AND IF ANYBODY -- IF AN UNKNOWN SPOKESMAN OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT -- EVER MADE A DECLARATION TO THE EFFECT THAT THE AGREEMENT MEANS THAT OUR DEFENSE FORCES WILL STAY IN JUDEA, SAMARIA AND THE GAZA DISTRICT ONLY FOR FIVE YEARS, I HEREBY DECLARE THEY WILL STAY BEYOND FIVE YEARS."

NARR:

MISTER BEGIN ALSO STRESSED THAT WHILE ISRAEL HAS AGREED ON AUTONOMY FOR WEST BANK AND GAZA RESIDENTS, IT HAS NOT ACCEPTED THE IDEA OF A PALESTINIAN STATE. SUCH AN ENTITY, MISTER BEGIN NOTED, WOULD BECOME A SOVIET BASE IN THE HEART OF THE MIDDLE EAST WITH ADVANCED WEAPONS THAT WOULD PLACE ISRAEL'S POPULATION CENTERS WITHIN ARTILLERY RANGE. (END OPT)

THERE ALSO IS DISAGREEMENT OVER WHETHER ISRAEL HAS AGREED TO A FIVE-YEAR MORATORIUM ON NEW JEWISH SETTLEMENTS IN THE WEST BANK AS THE UNITED STATES AND EGYPT CLAIM. ISRAEL SAYS THAT IT IS COMMITTED ONLY TO A THREE-MONTH BAN ON SUCH ACTION WHILE AN AUTONOMOUS GOVERNMENT IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA IS ESTABLISHED.

ON EAST JERUSALEM -- ONE OF THE ISSUES WHERE THERE WAS NO AGREEMENT AT CAMP DAVID -- THE PARTICIPANTS AGREED ONLY TO

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AND SAID THE EGYPTIAN LEADER HAS BROKEN ALL HIS PROMISES AND TURNED HIS BACK ON THE ARAB WORLD.

(OPT) EARLIER, THE P.L.O. REPRESENTATIVE AT THE UNITED NATIONS HAD THIS ASSESSMENT OF THE CAMP DAVID SUMMIT RESULTS:

TAPE: CUT FIVE -- TERZI

"THIS IS NOT THE ROAD TO PEACE BECAUSE THE ROAD TO PEACE AS WAS STATED IN THE UNITED NATIONS -- AND AGREED TO BY CONSENSUS -- THE ROAD TO PEACE MUST BE WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED, AND ALSO TO DO JUSTICE AND REALIZE THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE." (END OPT)

NARR:

AS EXPECTED, THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS EAST EUROPEAN ALLIES WERE HIGHLY CRITICAL OF THE CAMP DAVID AGREEMENTS, AS WE HEAR FROM VOA CORRESPONDENT BILL MARSH IN MUNICH:

TAPE: CUT SIX -- MARSH

"RADIO MOSCOW WAS THE FIRST TO AIR THE NEWS, ALONG WITH A COMMENTARY THAT ACCUSED EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT OF CAPITULATING ON ALL BASIC ISSUES. IT WAS A COMPLETE SURRENDER, THE RADIO SAID, AND ACCUSED THE EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT OF SEVERELY ENDANGERING PEACE IN THE ENTIRE MIDDLE EAST. TASS NEWS AGENCY HEAPED FURTHER CRITICISM ON PRESIDENT SADAT, CHARGING THAT THE AGREEMENTS SHOW THAT A GENUINE CONSPIRACY WAS CONTRIVED AT CAMP DAVID AGAINST THE PEOPLES OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE INTERESTS OF PEACE IN THAT AREA. THE SOVIET NEWS AGENCY SAID MISTER SADAT HAD RENOUNCED ARAB DEMANDS AND BETRAYED THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE."

NARR:

(OPT) AT THE UNITED NATIONS, SECRETARY-GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM CALLED THE MIDEAST SUMMIT A DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENT WITH FAR-REACHING CONSEQUENCES. BUT HE SAID A FINAL JUDGMENT ON THE AGREEMENTS MUST AWAIT THE REACTION OF ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED:

TAPE: CUT SEVEN -- WALDHEIM

"AS FAR AS OUR ATTITUDE IS CONCERNED HERE IN THE UNITED NATIONS, IT IS OF COURSE NOT ONLY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WHOSE OPINIONS ARE OF IMPORTANCE, BUT ALSO THE MAIN ORGANS OF THIS ORGANIZATION -- WHICH IN THE FIRST PLACE IS THE SECURITY COUNCIL."

NARR: (END OPT)

IN ANOTHER CONTROVERSY THIS WEEK, SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER JOHN VORSTER REJECTED THE UNITED NATIONS PLAN FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF NAMIBIA, AND ALSO ANNOUNCED HIS RETIREMENT APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF POOR HEALTH. WHILE DECLINING TO ACCEPT THE U.N. PLAN FOR A PEACE-KEEPING FORCE AND U.N. SUPERVISED ELECTIONS SOMETIME NEXT YEAR IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN-HELD TERRITORY OF NAMIBIA, SOUTH AFRICA DID NOT CLOSE THE DOORS TO AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION. BUT DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAID THE SOUTH AFRICAN RESPONSE HAS LEFT NO ROOM FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS. ACCORDING TO MISTER VORSTER'S PLAN, THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO DECIDE THEIR OWN FUTURE THROUGH ELECTIONS OF A REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. THAT ASSEMBLY, MISTER VORSTER SAID, CAN THEN DRAW UP A CONSTITUTION OR POSTPONE IT, PROCEED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NAMIBIA PLAN NEGOTIATED BY THE FIVE WESTERN MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL OR DECIDE TO ACCEPT THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S PLAN.

AT THE UNITED NATIONS, U.S. AMBASSADOR DONALD MCHENRY CALLED THE SOUTH AFRICAN DECISION A DISAPPOINTMENT AND AN OBVIOUS OBSTACLE TO THE SEARCH FOR PEACE. MISTER MCHENRY SAID THE FIVE WESTERN MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL NOW URGE THE COUNCIL TO ADOPT SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM'S REPORT ON NAMIBIA. SOUTH AFRICA CHARGES THAT THE REPORT DEVIATES SUBSTANTIALLY FROM THE WESTERN PROPOSALS ON WHICH IT IS BASED. SPECIFICALLY, SOUTH AFRICA THINKS THE PROPOSED U.N. MILITARY CONTINGENT OF SEVENTY-FIVE HUNDRED MEN IS TOO BIG -- AND IT IS ALSO OPPOSED TO DELAYING ELECTIONS BEYOND THE END OF THE YEAR.

AMBASSADOR MCHENRY ALSO SAID IT IS IMPORTANT TO SET THE PROPER CONDITIONS FOR ELECTIONS IN NAMIBIA, INCLUDING THE

SOUTH AFRICAN WITHDRAWAL, THE RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS
AND PROVISIONS FOR A FOUR-MONTH POLITICAL CAMPAIGN:

TAPE: CUT EIGHT -- MCHENRY

"ALL THOSE THINGS ARE NECESSARY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FREE
AND FAIR ELECTIONS. AND THE OBJECT IS NOT ELECTIONS -- THE OBJECT
IS ELECTIONS WHICH ARE FREE AND FAIR AND WHICH CAN BE ACCEPTED
AS A BASIS FOR INDEPENDENCE."

NARR:

THE UNITED STATES THIS WEEK EXPRESSED ITS CONCERN TO
NICARAGUAN PRESIDENT ANASTASIO SOMOZA ABOUT INCREASING REPORTS
OF ATROCITIES IN THAT CENTRAL AMERICAN NATION. NEWS REPORTS
FROM NICARAGUA HAVE TOLD OF THE EXECUTION OF UNARMED YOUNG
MEN IN A NUMBER OF NICARAGUAN TOWNS BY MEMBERS OF GENERAL SOMOZA'S
NATIONAL GUARD. MEANWHILE FIGHTING CONTINUES IN THE NORTHERN
NICARAGUAN CITY OF ESTELI AS NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS ATTEMPTED
TO SURROUND GUERRILLAS WHO HAVE HELD THE CITY FOR OVER ONE
WEEK.

AT THE SAME TIME, A THREE-MAN COMMISSION FROM THE
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES VISITED THE SOUTHERN NICARAGUAN
BORDER AREA WITH COSTA RICA, WHERE NICARAGUAN FORCES ARE SAID TO
HAVE INVADED NEARBY COSTA RICAN TOWNS AFTER GUERRILLA ATTACKS
WERE APPARENTLY STAGED FROM THE COSTA RICAN SIDE. THE O.A.S.
HAS CONVENED A FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING IN WASHINGTON TO
EXAMINE THE TENSE SITUATION IN CENTRAL AMERICA, AND SOME KIND
OF MEDIATION EFFORT IS EXPECTED TO BE APPROVED BEFORE THE
MEETING ADJOURNS EARLY NEXT WEEK.

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ANNCR:

AND THOSE ARE SOME OF THE STORIES THAT MADE HEADLINES THIS
WEEK. YOUR NARRATOR WAS-----, JOIN US AGAIN NEXT-----
WHEN THE VOICE OF AMERICA TAKES A LOOK AT THE NEXT WEEK'S KEY
EVENTS. # # # # WJL/GH/PY/RCS